

Mr. President : As an officer coming from outside the State I can assure the House that on an average the subordinates in the Government service in the State are not inefficient and I should say that they are well up of the all India average.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : May I know whether there is any objection in choosing the best men from among those persons who apply without disturbing the communal ratio ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : I have answered the question.

Mr. President : The Government propose to consider this question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : With regard to the inefficiency not reported and the normal inefficiency I shall relate one instance. A clerk appointed by the Staff Selection Board for attending to the despatch in an office seeing an endorsement "Copies to so and so for information" sent the cover to the Information Officer. Has such an instance come to the notice of the Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : I don't know.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri) : Has not a local holiday once become a public holiday ?

AMBALLUR TEXTILES

74. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Government have now any shares in the Amballur Textiles ;

(b) whether Government have any control over the working of the Textiles ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government) :

(a) No.

(b) Government have no control over the working of the Textiles except as provided for in the various labour enactments such as, Factories Act, Payment of Wages Act, Workmen's Compensation Act, Labour Disputes Act, etc.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : May I know whether at the start the Government of Cochin had not taken shares in the Textiles ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government) : The Government had taken 1500 preference shares.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : What has become of those shares ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government) : They have been sold.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : At what price. Is it at par ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government) : These 1500 shares were sold at Rs. 106—14—0 per share making a gain of Rs. 6—14—0 per share.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : What will be the value of a share of the Textiles now ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : It is not a public company. There are no shares.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Rural) : When the Textiles were to be started did not the then President of the House say by way of consoling us that the major part of the shares will be taken up by Cochinites ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts) : Cochin subjects took a large number of shares. But they sold them away. We cannot be responsible for that.

OFFICERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS JUDICIAL OFFICERS

75. Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : Will Government be pleased to state how many officers of the Police Department have been appointed as Magistrates and Judicial Officers in the last five years ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police) : Six officers of the Police Department have been appointed as Magistrates.

(1) Messrs. A. V. Krishna Ayyar,

(2) A. Krishna Menon

(3) George Parakkal

(4) T. R. Velunny

(5) M. V. Abraham and

(6) P. A. Mohyiddin.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : How many Magistrates are there in Cochin State ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : At present it is 8.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : Of these, how many were in the Police Department ?